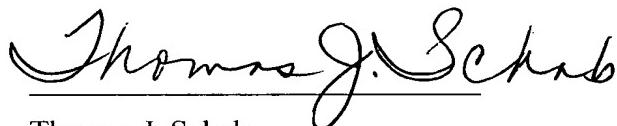


New U.S. National Application  
Based on: PCT/  
September 28, 1999  
Page 3

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are primarily for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependencies, and placing the claims in proper form.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Schab  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration Number 35908

Dvorak & Orum,  
53 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3606  
Phone: (312) 922-6262

TJS/em